

Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 02574 251611 Z

45

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 EURE-00 SS-15 NSC-10 PM-07 CIAE-00

INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01 L-03 NEA-10 OIC-04 MBFR-03

SAJ-01 GAC-01 TRSE-00 ACDA-19 OMB-01 EB-11 RSR-01

/123 W

----- 039397

P R 251541 Z MAY 73

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 244

SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY

INFO USNMR SHAPE

USCINCEUR

USLOSACLANT

S E C R E T USNATO 2574

E. O. 11652: GDS, 12-31-80

TAGS: MCAP, NATO

SUBJECT: DRAFT DPC MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE

SUMMARY: FINAL TEXT OF DRAFT MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE FOR FORCE PLANNING (DPC/ D(73)8) IS BEING SENT IN SEPTTEL. DPC WILL REVIEW TEXT ON MAY 29 FOR ADOPTION AS ITS REPORT TO DPC MINISTERS. TEXT IS WITHOUT BRACKETS EXCEPT FOR RESOURCE LEVEL AGAINST WHICH NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES WOULD PREPARE FORCE PROPOSALS. ON THIS POINT WE WOULD OPT FOR RETENTION OF AD-70 FORMULA CALLING FOR SAME OR POSSIBLY HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF GNP FOR DEFENSE, BUT WOULD ACCEPT CONSENSUS ON ANY OTHER FORMULA WHICH OFFERS RESOURCE LEVEL AGAINST WHICH SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS COULD BE PROPOSED. WASHINGTON ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE BY MORNING MAY 29. END SUMMARY.

1. DRC COMPLETED ITS REVISION OF DRC/ WP(73)4(REVISED) LATE EVENING MAY 23; TEXT IS BEING REPORTED IN SEPTTEL. DRC IS FULLY AGREED ON TEXT EXCEPT FOR SECTION ON RESOURCE LEVELS AGAINST WHICH NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES WOULD PREPARE FORCE PROPOSALS; THREE VERSIONS OF THIS ARE CONTAINED IN TEXT.

SECRET

PAGE 02 NATO 02574 251611 Z

2. AS FINALLY AGREED IN DRC, TEXT (A) MEETS BELGIAN CONCERNS ON CLEAR REFERENCE TO POSSIBILITY OF SURPRISE ATTACK AS BEING ONE OF THE CASES AGAINST WHICH NATO SHOULD PLAN, (B) MEETS RATHER WIDE-SPREAD CONCERN THAT MOBILIZATION, REINFORCEMENT AND AUGMENTATION

FORCES NOT BE DOWNGRADED, (C) FURNISHES USEFUL LANGUAGE DESCRIBING THE EXTENSION OF THE MARITIME THREAT AND THE ROLE OF NATO MARITIME FORCES, (D) AND PLACES PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON IMPROVEMENT OF NATO' S INITIAL CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE CAPABILITY, ALTHOUGH NOT USING THE TERM " INITIAL DEFENSE."

3. DRC WAS UNABLE TO AGREE ON IDENTIFICATION OF RESOURCE LEVEL AGAINST WHICH NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES WOULD SUBMIT FORCE PROPOSALS. TEXT CARRIES THREE ALTERNATIVE VERSIONS. UK REP TOOK LEAD IN ARGUING AGAINST CONTINUATION OF AD-70 CALL FOR ALLOCATION OF THE SAME OR POSSIBLY HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF GNP FOR DEFENSE AS NOT FEASIBLE. COMPROMISE VERSION WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE FAIRLY WIDE SUPPORT CALLS FOR (A) MAINTENANCE OF CURRENT LEVELS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES IN REAL TERMS FOR PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES AND (B) AN INCREASE IN THE REAL LEVEL OF EXPENDITURES FOR EQUIPMENT OVER THE PERIOD. THIS COMPROMISE SOLUTION WAS SEEN BY SOME AS A REASONABLE CHALLENGE.

4. WE PROPOSE TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT ANYTHING LESS THAN MAINTENANCE OF THE SAME PERCENTAGE OF GNP FOR DEFENSE AS AT PRESENT WOULD OFFER ONLY MINIMUM POSSIBILITIES FOR FORCE IMPROVEMENTS AND THAT NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO DRAW UP FORCE PROPOSALS ON A SCALE OFFERING AT LEAST USEFUL MOVEMENT ON AD-70 PRIORITIES.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON VIEWS IN TIME FOR MORNING MEETING DPC MAY 29.

RUMSFELD

SECRET
NMAFVVZCZ
<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 02 APR 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 MAY 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: boyleja
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973NATO002574
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730558/abqcdzsg.tel
Line Count: 85
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: n/a
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20-Aug-2001 by boyleja>; APPROVED <19-Sep-2001 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DRAFT DPC MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE
TAGS: MCAP, NATO
To: STATE
SECDEF INFO USNMR SHAPE
USCINCEUR
USLOSACLANT
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005